

Table 14. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triage Semi-Urgent/Not Urgent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician for Two Hours or More [by Patient Race and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008

Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number Visits (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent Waited Two Hours or More	Standard Error Of Percent
All Races	15,370	52,740	3,308	17.1	1.1
..Age					
....0-17 years	3,964	13,718	1,222	14.9	1.7
....18-44 years	6,864	23,878	1,570	18.5	1.2
....45-64 years	3,008	9,796	614	18.2	1.3
....65 years and over	1,534	5,348	420	14.2	1.3
..Sex					
....Female	8,177	28,193	1,817	18.8	1.2
....Male	7,193	24,547	1,537	15.1	1.1
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	5,440	19,224	1,207	15.5	1.1
....Public, age less than 65	4,548	14,249	1,136	17.4	1.5
....Uninsured, age less than 65	2,645	9,242	857	20.4	1.8
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	711	2,406	211	13.0	1.9
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	188	569	63	15.7	3.6
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	568	2,064	217	16.2	1.8
....Other/unknown	1,270	4,986	682	18.5	2.1
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	13,064	43,667	3,112	18.9	1.2
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,306	9,073	1,445	8.1	2.0

Table 14. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triaged Semi-Urgent/Not Urgent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician for Two Hours or More [by Patient Race and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008

Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number Visits (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent Waited Two Hours or More	Standard Error Of Percent
White	10,612	36,890	2,615	14.9	1.2
..Age					
....0-17 years	2,568	9,359	954	13.1	1.9
....18-44 years	4,721	16,463	1,245	15.9	1.3
....45-64 years	2,070	6,717	481	16.4	1.5
....65 years and over	1,253	4,352	384	12.7	1.4
..Sex					
....Female	5,582	19,375	1,433	16.2	1.3
....Male	5,030	17,515	1,228	13.5	1.2
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	4,159	14,510	1,045	13.8	1.3
....Public, age less than 65	2,737	8,856	849	15.0	1.7
....Uninsured, age less than 65	1,659	5,896	604	17.6	1.8
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	621	2,095	204	10.6	1.8
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over					
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	454	1,657	203	15.2	2.2
....Other/unknown	852	3,512	500	17.4	2.8
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	8,587	29,889	2,487	16.8	1.3
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,025	7,001	1,174	7.1	2.0

Table 14. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triage Semi-Urgent/Not Urgent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician for Two Hours or More [by Patient Race and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008

Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number Visits (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent Waited Two Hours or More	Standard Error Of Percent
Black or African-American	4,115	14,117	1,521	23.0	1.8
..Age					
....0-17 years	1,183	3,808	516	19.5	2.4
....18-44 years	1,889	6,683	703	25.3	2.1
....45-64 years	819	2,795	384	23.2	3.0
....65 years and over	224	831	149	20.1	5.2
..Sex					
....Female	2,258	7,896	888	25.3	2.0
....Male	1,857	6,222	674	20.0	2.1
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	1,029	3,983	474	22.1	2.2
....Public, age less than 65	1,615	4,943	601	22.0	2.3
....Uninsured, age less than 65	898	3,096	428	26.6	3.4
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over					
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over					
....Medicare only, age 65 and over					
....Other/unknown	364	1,321	283	22.2	3.0
Asian	330	944	130	13.5	3.1

*Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Patient wait defined as time from arrival to time seen by a physician. Excludes patients not seen by a physician, who leave before being seen, or are dead on arrival. Also excluded 10.0% of those triaged semi-urgent/not urgent because wait time was missing.

Payment source classified based on all expected payment sources. Public insurance includes Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance

Race data were missing for 14.5% of total visits included in this table. Missing race data were imputed. Standard errors were inflated as described at '2007 NAMCS Microdata File Documentation' ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.

Note: For general information about survey methodology, reliability of estimates, and other technical information, readers can refer to the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2006 Emergency Department Summary (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr007.pdf>)

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